CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A screwed connection comprising:

at least one first component into which ~~an~~ a cylindrical internal screw thread is introduced and which is screwed together with a second component which has a corresponding cylindrical external screw thread; and

a thread sealant introduced between the external and the internal cylindrical screw thread in order to seal the screwed connection;

wherein a tightening force can be transmitted by means of the screwed connection;

wherein the screwed connection includes a first section extending a length including multiple courses of the internal cylindrical screw thread and a second section extending a length including multiple courses of the internal cylindrical screw thread;

wherein at least one particular thread course of one of the external cylindrical screw thread and the internal cylindrical screw thread has a different pitch than the remaining thread courses of the one of the external cylindrical screw thread and the internal cylindrical screw thread, the at least one particular thread course forming a transition from the first section of the screwed connection to the second section of the screwed connection;

wherein in the first section, thread flanks of the external screw thread are in direct contact with corresponding thread flanks of the internal screw thread for transmitting the tightening force; and

wherein in the second section, thread flanks of the external cylindrical screw thread are not in direct contact with corresponding thread flanks of the internal cylindrical screw thread such that a continuous cavity for receiving the thread sealant is formed between the thread flanks of the external cylindrical screw thread and the thread flanks of the internal cylindrical screw thread, the continuous cavity extending axially a length of multiple courses of the internal cylindrical screw thread.

2. (Withdrawn) A screwed connection according to claim 1, wherein the external screw thread has the same flank height in the first section and in the second section, and the external screw thread has a smaller core diameter in the second section than in the first section, such that a continuous cavity is formed in the second section between the thread flanks of the internal screw thread and the thread flanks of the external screw thread, and that the cavity formed by the thread flanks is filled with thread sealant.

3. (Withdrawn) A screwed connection according to claim 1, wherein the internal screw thread has the same flank height in the first section and in the second section, and the internal screw thread has a larger core diameter in the second section than in the first section, such that a continuous cavity is formed in the second section between the thread flanks of the internal screw thread and the thread flanks of the external screw thread, and that the cavity formed by the thread flanks is filled with thread sealant.

4. **(Currently Amended)** A screwed connection according to claim 1, wherein at least one thread course of the external cylindrical screw thread has a lower pitch than the remaining thread courses of the external cylindrical screw thread, wherein the thread course with the lower pitch forms the transition from the first section to the second section and wherein the thread courses of the external cylindrical screw thread are axially offset in relation to the thread courses of the internal cylindrical screw thread in the second section such that a continuous cavity is formed in the second section between the thread flanks of the internal cylindrical screw thread and the thread flanks of the external cylindrical screw thread, and that the cavity formed by the thread flanks is filled with thread sealant.

5. **(Currently Amended)** A screwed connection according to claim 1, wherein at least one thread course of the internal screw thread has a greater pitch than the remaining thread courses of the internal cylindrical screw thread, wherein the thread course with the greater pitch forms the transition from the first section to the second section and wherein the thread courses of the internal cylindrical screw thread are axially offset in relation to the thread courses of the external cylindrical screw thread in the second section such that a continuous cavity is formed in the second section between the thread flanks of the internal cylindrical screw thread and the thread flanks of the external cylindrical screw thread, and that the cavity formed by the thread flanks is filled with thread sealant.

6. **(Currently Amended)** A screwed connection according to claim 1, wherein at least one storage space is formed between the internal cylindrical screw thread and the external cylindrical screw thread, into which storage space excess thread sealant can be pressed when the screwed connection is tightened.

7. (Withdrawn) A screwed connection according to claim 6, wherein the storage space is formed by an annular slot in the internal screw thread and/or in the external screw thread.

8. (Withdrawn) A screwed connection according to claim 1, wherein the thread flanks of the external screw thread have a lower flank height in the second section than in the first section.

9. (Withdrawn) A screwed connection according to claim 1, wherein the thread flanks of the internal screw thread have a lower flank height in the second section than in the first section.

10. (Previously Presented) A screwed connection according to claim 1, wherein the thread sealant is contained exclusively in the second section of the screwed connection.

11. (Previously Presented) A screwed connection according to claim 1, wherein the screwed connection is used in a fuel pump.

12. **(Currently Amended)** A screwed connection comprising:

at least one first component having ~~an~~ a cylindrical inner thread; and

a second component having a corresponding cylindrical external thread;

wherein first and second components provide for a tightening force when screwed together;

wherein the screwed connection includes a first section extending a length including multiple courses of the internal cylindrical screw thread and a second section extending a length including multiple courses of the internal cylindrical screw thread;

wherein at least one particular thread course of one of the external cylindrical screw thread and the internal cylindrical screw thread has a different pitch than the remaining thread courses of the one of the external cylindrical screw thread and the internal cylindrical screw thread, the at least one particular thread course forming a transition from the first section of the screwed connection to the second section of the screwed connection;

wherein in the first section, thread flanks of the external screw thread are in direct contact with corresponding thread flanks of the internal cylindrical screw thread for transmitting the tightening force; and

wherein in the second section, thread flanks of the external cylindrical screw thread are not in direct contact with corresponding thread flanks of the internal cylindrical screw thread such that a continuous cavity for receiving a thread sealant is formed between the thread flanks of the external cylindrical screw thread and the thread flanks of the internal cylindrical screw thread, the continuous cavity extending axially a length of multiple courses of the internal cylindrical screw thread.

13. (Withdrawn) A screwed connection according to claim 12, wherein the external thread has the same flank height in the first section and in the second section, and the external thread has a smaller core diameter in the second section than in the first section, such that a continuous cavity is formed in the second section between the thread flanks of the internal screw thread and the thread flanks of the external screw thread, and that the cavity formed by the thread flanks is filled with thread sealant.

14. (Withdrawn) A screwed connection according to claim 12, wherein the internal thread has the same flank height in the first section and in the second section, and the internal thread has a larger core diameter in the second section than in the first section, such that a continuous cavity is formed in the second section between the thread flanks of the internal screw thread and the thread flanks of the external screw thread, and that the cavity formed by the thread flanks is filled with thread sealant.

15. **(Currently Amended)** A screwed connection according to claim 12, wherein at least one thread course of the external cylindrical thread has a lower pitch than the remaining thread courses of the external cylindrical screw thread, wherein the thread course with the lower pitch forms the transition from the first section to the second section and wherein the thread courses of the external thread are axially offset in relation to the thread courses of the internal cylindrical screw thread in the second section such that a continuous cavity is formed in the second section between the thread flanks of the internal thread and the thread flanks of the external thread, and that the cavity formed by the thread flanks is filled with thread sealant.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A screwed connection according to claim 12, wherein at least one thread course of the internal thread has a greater pitch than the remaining thread courses of the internal cylindrical thread, wherein the thread course with the greater pitch forms the transition from the first section to the second section and wherein the thread courses of the internal thread are axially offset in relation to the thread courses of the external cylindrical thread in the second section such that a continuous cavity is formed in the second section between the thread flanks of the internal thread and the thread flanks of the external cylindrical thread, and that the cavity formed by the thread flanks is filled with thread sealant.

17. **(Currently Amended)** A screwed connection according to claim 12, wherein at least one storage space is formed between the internal cylindrical thread and the external cylindrical thread, into which storage space excess thread sealant can be pressed when the screwed connection is tightened.

18. (Withdrawn) A screwed connection according to claim 17, wherein the storage space is formed by an annular slot in the internal thread and/or in the external thread.

19. (Withdrawn) A screwed connection according to claim 12, wherein the thread flanks of the external thread have a lower flank height in the second section than in the first section.

20. (Withdrawn) A screwed connection according to claim 1, wherein the thread flanks of the internal thread have a lower flank height in the second section than in the first section.